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1. Nai Prasert Sapsundorn, Member of Parliament from Suratthani, has announced plans to form a Siamese Communist Party. He is reported to be organizing this party not from any deep-seated belief in Communism, but as a matter of political opportunism. Nai Prasert was a member of the Sabachuep Party, but deserted it last year to join the Democrats. He fell out of favor with the Democrats during the August 1946 elections for ~~refusal~~ to campaign for the party in his home province. He was charged with having been coerced by the pamphlet issued by the Ministry of the Interior warning voters against tactics of the Democratic Party.
2. A second factor which undoubtedly induces Nai Prasert to espouse the Communist cause is the fact is he is being subsidized by the Chinese Communists in Siam. It is reported large sums have been placed at his disposal to buildup the party among the Siamese. It is also reported an intensive program of pamphlet education will be started among the Siamese. A few leaflets have already been circulated in the Siamese language; the volume of these will be increased. In addition, it is planned to start a daily Communist newspaper in Siamese. This will augment the weekly Communist paper in the Siamese language, the MAHACHON.
3. Supporting Nai Prasert in the campaign to gain support for the proposed Communist Party is Nai Nad Monthasevi, Member of Parliament from Roi Et.
4. Nai Prasert is entirely "home-educated" in Communism. He is a graduate of Chulalongkorn University, and took a law degree at the University of Moral and Political Sciences. He has not travelled outside Siam.
5. The Communist Party is expected to draw a few members from existing political parties. As stated, Nai Prasert is a Democrat, while Nai Nad is a member of the Constitutional Front.

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